

A1 performing a second arbitration operation between the at least two of the card buses when an access right is to be given to only one of the at least two of the card buses.

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8. (New) An arbitration system, comprising:

a bus bridge;

a primary side bus; and

A2 a plurality of secondary side buses coupled to the primary side bus via said bus bridge, wherein the bus bridge is configured to give access rights equally to each of the secondary side buses, when access demands to the primary side bus are lodged from more than two of the secondary side buses at the same time, by not giving a priority to any one of the secondary side buses.

9. (New) The arbitration system of claim 8, wherein one of the secondary side buses is a serial bus in accordance with IEEE 1394, and the remaining secondary side buses are card buses.

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